

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

4:13-CR-3042

vs.

GABRIEL R. MURATELLA,

Defendant.

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 39). The information in this case (filing 27) charged the defendant with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846. The information also contained a forfeiture allegation seeking the forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$1,271.92 and \$166.17 in United States currency, on the basis that these monies were used to facilitate the commission of the offense or were derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offense. Filings 27.

The defendant has pleaded guilty to the crime alleged and admitted the forfeiture allegation. Filings 31, 32, 38. By virtue of pleading guilty to the charge and admitting the forfeiture allegation, the defendant has forfeited his interest in the property, and the plaintiff is entitled to possession of the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853. Accordingly,

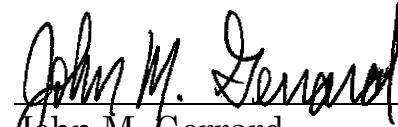
IT IS ORDERED:

1. The plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 39) is granted.
2. Based upon the defendant's guilty plea and admission of the forfeiture allegation of the information, the plaintiff is authorized to seize the \$1,271.92 and \$166.17 in United States currency.
3. The defendant's interest in the property is forfeited to the plaintiff for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

4. The property is to be held by the plaintiff in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)\(1\)](#), the plaintiff shall publish for at least 30 consecutive days on an official Internet government forfeiture site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this order, notice of publication evidencing the plaintiff's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the property must file a petition with the Court within 30 days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. Such published notice shall state that the petition referred to in paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and relief sought.
7. The plaintiff may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.
8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of forfeiture pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)](#), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2013.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
United States District Judge